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It looks like the "Good Guys" won all the prizes this year. Our InterNats Team will be all from the West coast and two are from the Valley Flyers, how about that/? In the 1,2,3 order of their finish at Oklahoma City, our team is: Phil Kraft, Doug Spreng and Cliff Weirick. Corsica will never survive!!!

I went to the Las Vegas contest to cover it for you and spent a very nice half hour at the field. Somehow the slot machines, and the tables got in the way. Did see the guys that flew when we all went to the Dunes Hotel for the late show. Mr. Morgan of the Las Vegas Club made the arrangements for us and we are most grateful for his kindness. The only score that I am aware of at this moment is that our V.P. beat Weirick and came in first!

Now down to business.....The time has come to give some serious thought to the new officers for next year. My only comment on this is that I feel very strongly that no one should be coerced into running for office. If a guy doesn't want the job then he is not going to give it his full attention and enthusiasm and therefore he will be a bad officer. At this stage in our development I feel that we need the best team of officers that we have ever had and we can only get them if we elect people who are really interested in the office and will work at it.

The executive board will be announcing their recommendations at the October meeting. These are only recommendations and can be ignored or agreed with, whichever you choose. If there is someone that you know would make a good officer and the board does not recommend him nominate him on the floor and perhaps tell the club in a few words why you choose him for the particular office. This election is open to all in the club and the board only makes recommendations to get the ball rolling.

New subject, same theme.....Editor.....There must be some of you out there that would like to give it a go. Please let us know. It's a hard job to sell but it isn't as bad as it sounds, as a matter of fact, I have enjoyed it completely. You get to know all kinds of people both in person and through the mail and I have made many new friends through the newsletter that I would never have had otherwise. The job requires no writing talent since you are really only writing a letter to the members and your style is unimportant, only your subject is important. So please, please please if you think you could take the time please please please let someone know so you can be nominated. Thanks.

With all the campaign issues being battered about the state of California, everybody is very much conscious of the election year. The Valley Flyers, as an entity, should be just as conscious of election time since it is an opportunity to exercise our voting privileges for the betterment of our sport and modeling in general. We too have major issues that have to be settled both within the Valley Flyer organization and the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

You, as a Valley Flyer, must make a decision on the following:

1. Should we become an AMA Charter Club?
2. Whom, in our club will make the best team to run the organization next year?
3. And who, of the list of Candidates for AMA president, will be the most effective leader in 1967?

Why should we become an AMA charter club? Years ago an AMA charter club was more of a prestige type title than anything. About the only benefit derived, other than being listed with AMA headquarters, was that the clubs were a little better informed on academy activities. The new charter plan, while it costs more, includes the following: A charter, most importantly, provides automatic coverage with general comprehensive liability insurance providing protection to members and the club during all activities rather than just during model flying. In addition, AMA charter clubs will constitute a large voice in settling AMA policy matters. Now, how much will it cost our club to become chartered? First of all, the club must be 100% AMA. Under the Valley Flyer By-Laws Article II, Section III, it states that to qualify for membership in the club, you must be an AMA member in good standing. This rule in all likelihood will be enforced in 1967 so all that remains is an additional \$1.50 per member should we decide to become chartered. This can either be paid out of our reserve or by the individual member. These are the main factors to be considered, so please ponder the question and be prepared to vote on this issue October 11.

Now, the question of officers for 1967. Needless to say, the success or failure of the Valley Flyers depends largely on the competence of the leaders of the club. The task of running an organization of this size, currently in excess of 100 members, is a difficult and time consuming one. So, make your choice wisely and let's elect people who are willing to work and who have the best interest of the club in mind. We will be accepting nominations for offices in October and we will vote to fill these offices in November. So, be prepared to nominate those people in the club who can and will do a good job for us.

The last issue to be considered is the election of the president of the Academy of Model Aeronautics for 1967. As you all know, Cliff Wierick is running for this office. If some of you think that Cliff is not taking his candidacy seriously, I have news for you. I happen to know that Cliff

has made it a point to personally attend and address club meetings of virtually all the major clubs in the state of California and in addition he flew to Las Vegas in the middle of the week just to talk to the local club and seek their support. I can assure you that Cliff fully intends, if elected, to truly represent our hobby and this means the West Coast will, for a change, be recognized as part of the United States as far as the academy is concerned. Cliff's open letter to modelers appeared both in R.C.M. and Model Airplane News. He is the only candidate who has had the foresight to do this. Apparently there are sour grapes from the other candidates. Well, all I can say is that they had the same opportunity to do what Cliff did. The point is, Cliff is a "doer" in every sense of the word which in my opinion is in sharp contrast to past AMA presidents. This job can be more than a "figurehead title" and Mr. Weirick is the man who can change this image. So, vote before the 15th of November and let's get our man elected.

Be sure to attend our meeting the 11th of October. We need a quorum to vote on the Charter issue.

S.R.B.

By: The Red Baron
Translated by: Frank Capan

Deep in the still dark trees of the Black Forest, secreted near the FM and TV towers, there stands a small building housing a well equipped workshop for the designing and complete manufacture of the new and great S.R.B.....

Woe be it unto the so called White Knight, for soon there shall rise a greater challenge then Ever before. (Everyone has doubtless seen how great and gallent the old challenger was). With new design, new power, new attire the S.R.B. will be unbeatable.

With cunning and skill heretofore unknown to even those closest to him, he will bring out those wonderful cries of "Curse you Red Baron" to even greater heights. Perhaps even to cries of Curse you S.R.B.....Zounds....

Work, (work being those slight delays between programs on the tube) is progressing at almost a rate, I mean....an alarming rate. "This thing will never leave the ground"...falls on deaf ears. They laughed at Orville too and look what monsters arose from that rabble. Candy's Schmandy's, White Knight prepares to meet your fate. Watch the late late show as long as you can, for comes one of these dawns, Zaa....Roocmmmm.....Beware of sinister shadows.....Was that a bird? A plane? or was it (shudder) the S.R.B.?

This was the note that I received and is translated as well as I can do it. I pass it on so that you may interpret it as you see fit. Sure feel for the White Knight or whatever. By the way, I finally found out what S.R.B. is. Are you ready?.....
SUPER RED BARON. Wow/Glup!!!!

Now, from me only to both of you, or perhaps more? Just a few little items. How about some new officers for next year? Is anyone besides the old officers thinking of this? In order for the club to be what it is, we all have to pitch in like it or not, and it's not so bad. We have a good thing going and I hope that it continues. Who among you are bold enough to come forth and say I would like to help, by, perhaps running for president, for editor and for heavens sake for contest director. If you think you might like to try, you need not fear for I know that all of our past officers will be more than happy to help in any way that they can. Arise all of you.....Who knows, you may reach great heights. I ain't got it.....Seriously, all of us should get down to brass tacks and get our new officers. Carry on troops...See you at the meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING

ENCINO WOMEN'S CLUB

TUESDAY OCT. 11 8:00 P.M.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1967

OFFICERS

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AND/OR BE NOMINATED